



Attorney Docket No. 54008.8100.US00
P01-0015

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: MICHAEL KENNY

APPLICATION No.: 09/925,884

FILED: AUGUST 6, 2001

FOR: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING A
WORKPIECE SUCH AS A SEMICONDUCTOR
WAFER

EXAMINER: Z. EL ARINI

ART UNIT: 1746

CONF. No: 7035

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

1. Timing of Submission

This information disclosure statement is being after the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a final action under § 1.113, a notice of allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application [37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)]. The required fee is enclosed. The references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-SB/08 may be material to the examination of this application; the Examiner is requested to make them of record in the application.

2. Cited Information

No copies of the U.S. patent references are enclosed. Copies of the foreign patent references and the non-patent references are enclosed. Cited references "BW" and "BY" through "CO" are not in English. For each such reference, the

10/11/2005 MBELETE1 00000007 09925884

01 FC:1806

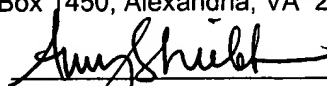
180.00 DP

Certificate of Mailing

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

October 4, 2005

Date of Deposit


Amy Shields

[54008-8100/LA052620.032]

undersigned has enclosed (i) a translation of the reference; (ii) a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office or International Searching Authority citing the reference; (iii) a copy of a reference which appears to be an English-language counterpart; or (iv) an English-language abstract for the reference prepared by a third party. Applicant has not verified that the translation, English-language counterpart or third-party abstract is an accurate representation of the teachings of the non-English reference, though, and reserves the right to demonstrate otherwise.

3. Effect of Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h))

This Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; or (iv) the cited information is, or is considered to be, material to patentability. In addition, applicant does not admit that any enclosed item of information constitutes prior art to the subject invention and specifically reserves the right to demonstrate that any such reference is not prior art.

4. Fee Payment

A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed.

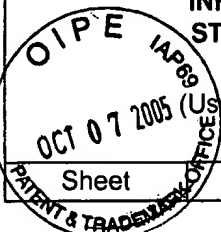
Dated: Sept. 21, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

Customer No. 45540
Perkins Coie LLP
Patent - LA
P.O. Box 1208
Seattle, WA 98111-1208
Phone: (310) 788-9900
Fax: (206) 332-7198

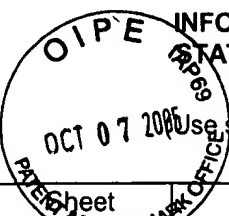
PERKINS COIE LLP

By: Kenneth H. Ohriner
Kenneth H. Ohriner
Reg. No. 31,646

<div style="text-align: center;"> INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Form SB/08A (Use several sheets if necessary) </div>				COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
				Application Number	09/925,884
				Confirmation Number	7035
				Filing Date	August 6, 2001
				First Named Inventor	Michael Kenny
				Group Art Unit	1746
				Examiner Name	Zeinab El-Arini
				Attorney Docket No.	54008.8100.US00(P01-0015)
		Sheet	1	of	4

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Inventor of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
	AA	4,064,885	12-1977	Dussault et al.	
	AB	4,633,804	01-1987	Arii	
	AC	5,039,349	08-1991	Schoeppel	
	AD	5,063,609	11-1991	Lorimer	
	AE	5,147,499	09-1992	Szwejkowski et al.	
	AF	5,160,378	11-03-1992	Tuunanen	
	AG	5,232,870	08-03-1993	Ito et al.	
	AH	5,246,526	09-1993	Yamaguchi et al.	
	AI	5,366,757	11-22-1994	Lin	
	AJ	5,372,651	12-1994	Kodama	
	AK	5,423,944	03-1994	Wong	
	AL	5,447,640	09-05-1995	Omi	
	AM	5,518,542	05-1996	Matsukawa et al.	
	AN	5,626,769	05-06-1997	Sawamoto	
	AO	5,730,806	03-24-1998	Caimi et al.	
	AP	5,762,755	06-09-1998	McNeilly et al.	
	AQ	5,810,940	09-22-1998	Fukazawa	
	AR	5,845,662	12-08-1998	Sumnitsch	
	AS	5,868,866	02-1999	Maekawa et al.	
	AT	5,911,836	06-1999	Hada et al.	
	AU	5,916,366	06-29-1999	Ueyama et al.	
	AV	5,922,624	07-1999	Verhaverbeke et al.	
	AW	5,927,306	Jul-99	Izumi et al.	
	AX	5,975,098	11-1999	Yoahitani et al.	
	AY	5,990,060	11-1999	Ohmi et al.	
	AZ	6,003,527	12-1999	Netsu et al.	

 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Form SB/08A (Use several sheets if necessary)				COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
				Application Number	09/925,884
				Confirmation Number	7035
				Filing Date	August 6, 2001
				First Named Inventor	Michael Kenny
				Group Art Unit	1746
				Examiner Name	Zeinab El-Arini
Attorney Docket No.	54008.8100.US00(P01-0015)				
Sheet	2	of	4		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Inventor of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
	BA	6,030,932	02-29-2000	Leon	
	BB	6,085,764	07-2000	Kobayashi	
	BC	6,199,567	03-2001	Kanno et al.	
	BD	6,202,658	03-2001	Fishkin et al.	
	BE	6,235,112	05-2001	Satoh	
	BF	6,295,999	10-2001	Bran	
	BG	6,299,696	10-2001	Kamikawa et al.	
	BH	6,325,081	12-2001	Miki et al.	
	BI	6,406,551	06-2002	Nelson et al.	
	BJ	6,423,146	07-2002	Fukazawa	
	BK	6,431,184	08-2002	Taniyama	
	BL	6,455,717	09-2002	Vaartstra	
	BM	6,497,768	12-2002	Bergman	
	BN	6,543,080	04-2003	Tomita et al.	
	BO	6,582,525	06-2003	Bergman	
	BP	6,626,189 B2	11-25-2002 F	Kashkoush et al.	
	BQ	6,743,301	12-22-2000 F	Matsuno et al.	
	BR	6,817,370	11-2004	Bergman et al.	
	BS	6,843,857	01-2005	Bergman	
	BT	6,869,487	03-2005	Bergman	
	BU	2002/0066464 A1	06-2002	Bergman	
	BV	2004/0154641 A1	08-12-2004	Montierth	


INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Form SB/08A (Use several sheets if necessary)			COMPLETE IF KNOWN		
			Application Number	09/925,884	
			Confirmation Number	7035	
			Filing Date	August 6, 2001	
			First Named Inventor	Michael Kenny	
			Group Art Unit	1746	
			Examiner Name	Zeinab El-Arini	
Sheet	3	of		Attorney Docket No.	54008.8100.US00(P01-0015)

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T
		Country	Code-Number-Kind Code (if known)				
	BW	DE	19801360 A1	7/22/1999	SEZ Semiconductor- Equipment Zubehor		
	BX	EP	0 890 658	01-1999			
	BY	JP	01-189921	07-31-1989	Mitsubishi Electric Corp.		
	BZ	JP	04-079221	03-12-1992	Seiko Epson Corp.		
	CA	JP	04-164324	06-10-1992	NEC CORP.		
	CB	JP	04-302144	10-26-1992	Hitachi Ltd.		
	CC	JP	05-136045	06-1993			
	CD	JP	07-155714	06-1995			
	CE	JP	07-159980	06-23-1995	Nikon Corp.		
	CF	JP	08-160032	06-21-1996	Toshiba Corp.		
	CG	JP	08-288271	11-1996			
	CH	JP	08-064566	03-08-1996	Ryoden Semiconductor		
	CI	JP	09-139345	05-1997			
	CJ	JP	10-144640	05-1998			
	CK	JP	11-054427	02-1999			
	CL	JP	54-034751	03-14-1979	Hitachi Ltd.		
	CM	JP	59-068930	04-1984			
	CN	JP	63-110732	05-16-1987	NEC Corp.		
	CO	JP	2000-138188	05-2000			

Form SB/08B
(Use several sheets if necessary)

(Use several sheets if necessary)



Application Number	09/925,884
Confirmation Number	7035
Filing Date	August 6, 2001
First Named Inventor	Michael Kenny
Group Art Unit	1746
Examiner Name	Zeinab El-Arini
Attorney Docket No.	54008.8100.US00 (P01-0015)

本

[illegible]